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TO CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL EISENHOWER

Subject: Signal Intelligence.

Reference: (a) Your Top Secret Memorandum dated 2 Jan. 1946 on same subject.

1. The suggestion in your reference memorandum that we make a fresh start on the entire subject of coordinating and integrating Army and Navy signal intelligence (communication intelligence) activities meets with my complete approval.

2. I agree with you that we should again refer the question of our signal intelligence (communication intelligence) activities to the Army-Navy Communication Intelligence Board. I shall direct the Navy members of this Board to approach the problem with open minds, and to arrive at the best possible solution with the Army members, or to work out alternative proposals in the event that complete agreement cannot be reached by the Board.

3. It is increasingly apparent to me that, with present demobilization of personnel and the increasing necessity for intelligence on a number of targets, we cannot keep ourselves properly informed unless we have the most complete integration, either by joint direction or allocation of all tasks in the signal intelligence (communication intelligence) field.

4. Incidentally, I hope the Board's first step will be to arrive at a common designation for signal intelligence (communication intelligence).

/s/ C. S. NIMITZ